



STATE OF MICHIGAN
NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION
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Memorandum to the Natural Resources Commission

SUBJECT: Fall Wild Turkey Management Units

Authority:

The Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended, authorizes the Director and the Commission to issue orders to manage wild animals in this state.

Discussion and Background:

The fall wild turkey season is designed to stabilize or reduce wild turkey numbers within wild turkey management units (TMU) to meet the local goals recommended by Wildlife Management Unit Supervisors. These goals incorporate the social and biological carrying capacity for each turkey management unit. There are 15 TMUs recommended to be open for fall turkey hunting. These TMUs include A, E, G, GA, GB, GC, J, L, M, N, O, Q, T, W, and WA. Units A, J, and Q have been expanded in size. Unit D has been reduced in area and is closed for the 2004 fall hunting season. The units open for 2004 fall hunting comprise 31,939 square miles.

Recommendation:

This order was submitted for information only at the April 2004 meeting of the Natural Resources Commission. This item appeared in the April 26, 2004, Calendar and is eligible for approval on May 7, 2004. We are now recommending that it be acted upon at this meeting.

Rebecca A. Humphries, Chief
Wildlife Division

Alan Marble, Acting Chief
Law Enforcement Division

George E. Burgoyne, Jr.
Resource Management Deputy

I have analyzed and discussed these recommendations with staff and concur as to matters over which the Natural Resources Commission has authority.

K. L. Cool
Director

WILDLIFE CONSERVATION ORDER

Amendment No. 8 of 2004

Under the authority of sections 40107 and 40113a, Act No. 451 of the Public Acts of 1994, as amended, being sections 324.40107 and 324.40113a of the Michigan Compiled Laws, the Natural Resources Commission and the Director of the Department of Natural Resources ordered that effective May 8, 2004, the following sections of the Wildlife Conservation Order shall read as follows:

12.650 "Fall wild turkey management unit A" defined.

Sec. 12.650. "Fall wild turkey management unit A" means all of Iosco and Alcona counties.

12.656 "Fall wild turkey management unit J" defined.

Sec. 12.656. "Fall wild turkey management unit J" means all of Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet, Otsego and Presque Isle counties.

12.657 "Fall wild turkey management unit D" defined.

Sec. 12.657. "Fall wild turkey management unit D" means all of Alpena and Montmorency counties.

12.668 "Fall wild turkey management unit Q" defined.

Sec. 12.668. "Fall wild turkey management unit Q" means all of Lapeer, Genesee, Macomb, and Oakland counties.

12.669 Repealed.

Issued this 7th day of May, 2004.

Approved as to matters over which the Natural Resources Commission has authority.

Keith J. Charters, Chairman
Natural Resources Commission

Approved as to matters over which the Director has authority.

K. L. Cool
Director